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A.—(*a*) The Government received a copy of a notice of suit sent to the Collector of Tinnevelly by Pattadars under the North and South Kodaimelalagyan channels. The latter part of the question is not understood.

(*b*) The construction of a storage reservoir was sanctioned by the Government in 1906. The Government have no reason to suppose that there is any appreciable delay in the return of the water to the river.

(*c*) The horse-power developed at the Mills is about 1,175.

(*d*) & (*e*) No such expert advice was taken.

(*f*) The Government saw no necessity for taking such advice.

(*g*) The Government have passed orders sanctioning the renewal of the lease.

Mr. DANIEL THOMAS :—"May I know for what length of time the water was allowed to remain in the reservoir ?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"Notice, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—"May I know when the Government passed orders sanctioning the new reservoir, the month and date of the order ?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"I want notice, Sir."

Civil Justice

Communal representation in the Judicial department, Guntur, Nellore and Chittoor.

* 716 Q.—MUHAMMAD KHADIR MOHIDIN SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the proportion of the various communities in the higher and lower grades up to Rs. 35 in the Judicial department of the Guntur, Nellore and Chittoor districts ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the non-Brahman proportion in the higher grades has been decreasing day by day in the above districts ;

(*c*) what steps have been taken to maintain the existing non-Brahman proportion ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the claims of duly qualified non-Brahmans are not considered in filling up vacancies in the higher grades ; and

(*e*) whether it is a fact that Brahmans who are debarred, suspended and condemned are given promotions ?

A.—(*a*) A statement[a] showing the proportion of the various communities in the higher and lower grades of the clerical service in the Judicial department of the Guntur, Nellore and Chittoor districts is appended.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The District Judges concerned report that where non-Brahmans of equal qualifications are available they are preferred to Brahmans.

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(*d*) No.

(*e*) The Government has no reason to suppose that such promotions are given as a matter of practice as suggested in the question. But such cases have occurred—vide the answer to clause (*a*) (iii) of question No. 521.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—"May I ask the hon. Member as to whether he will be pleased to investigate into the reasons why such disparity exists between the representatives of the various communities in the district?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"The Government do not propose to make any special enquiry. Returns are received every year and when they are examined the question is considered then whether any action is necessary."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government will take immediate steps to remove this disparity at least now?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I do not think any further steps are necessary than those already taken."

Corporation of Madras

Alleged insult to the President of the Corporation of Madras.

*730 Q.—Mr. C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government and the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state— 11-45 a.m.

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. J. Venkatanarayana Nayudu, the Commissioner of the Corporation of Madras, had, after the termination of the Council meeting held on 9th August 1927, used offensive and improper language to the President of the Corporation while the latter was about to enter his car in the presence of councillors and the office and menial staff for having read out at the meeting of the Council a statement prepared by Dr. Mallayya based on an inspection of the Tondiarpet Isolation Hospital in the company of the President;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the President called on the hon. Minister for Public Health immediately after the occurrence and reported to him the details of the insult offered to him; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to take notice of the conduct of Mr. Nayudu, the Commissioner?

A.—(*a*) The Government are not aware of the incidents mentioned in the clause.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

Mr. C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask the hon. the Minister for Public Health with reference to the answer to clause (*a*) whether the incident stated therein tallies with the oral representation made to him by the President when he called upon him immediately after the incident had occurred?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"I think the answer is here. The President did make the complaint, but I told him that I would not take any action unless an official complaint in writing was made."